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REMARKABLE INTERVIEW WITH WRIGHT

Aeroplane As Practicable Mode Of Transportation In Near Future

On Orville Wright's recent return from Europe, he was interviewed by the New York Times. He gave many valuable ideas on the subject of flying, which we give, practically in his own words.

"I consider that the aeroplane has now arrived at a state where it is a practical mode of transportation. The flying machine has come—it is only at its beginning. I don't mind going so far as to say that I don't think it is going to cross the ocean within the next few weeks. Perhaps I may even doubt whether we will ever see it do that, but in the hands of a man who has as much skill in handling it as the ordinary driver has in handling an automobile, our machine to-day is ready to make any journey that an automobile can do in the country.

"We do not recommend flights over cities, not so much because of the danger to the aviator, as to the danger to the pedestrians and others. The risk is really to the people underneath, and we are not entitled to put them to that risk. I do not think the aviator would be running very much risk, provided he had the necessary skill to handle the machine in the right way. It is very unlikely that he would be very much hurt in any case. But we do not fly over cities ourselves, and we do not recommend others to do so."

The question was asked, if while over the city the motor should go wrong. "That would not greatly matter if the aviator had skill. He would choose one of the parks or open spaces and glide down probably quite safely into it. At the worst he would descend on a group of trees. That possibly would not be a very comfortable landing for him, and he might have some difficulty in getting his machine down; but he would not necessarily get hurt. Perhaps, once in fifty times his motor might stop, probably not oftener; and if he were flying with the necessary fore thought and skill, the stopping of his motor would give him no trouble.

"Would great speed make one independent of all air currents? Would it need a speed as great as ninety miles an hour?

"No I think not. At that speed an aeroplane would cut through any currents. Fifty or fifty-five miles an hour make one entirely independent of air currents. There is no difficulty in the way of increasing speed. It would be very easy to build a very fast machine. I hardly know what limit one could set to the speed to which it would be possible to build. We have no trouble in getting speed.

"There would really be no danger in landing when flying at a speed of 100 or 150 miles an hour; it would only require a little extra skill or practice, that is all. I have made landings at fifty-five miles an hour that were perfectly soft and easy. At our present speeds we come down pretty quickly with a breeze behind one. Speed will simply be a matter of practice. It can be given as soon as it is demanded. As time goes on men will acquire a skill in handling flying machines, as they have acquired it in driving automobiles, only more so because it is easier and safer.

"An average man can learn to fly in two hours of flying, spread over, say, a week. In his first flight, he is usually a little bit nervous at the newness of the experience and he would not learn much in his first flight, even if that

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TECHNOLOGY CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION DINNER

Reorganization of Club Complete--Full Details of Plans For Year

Tomorrow, December first, witnesses the beginning of a period of real usefulness in the movements of the Y. M. C. A. A month ago the spirit of reawakened interest, which all summer had been quietly growing among Faculty, Alumni and undergraduates, took definite preliminary shape. A graduate secretary was landed and placed at the service of the Institute. Reorganization of the working force impelled an election of officers and a foundation of committees. Proper grounding of the proposition led to the establishment of an advisory committee, whose membership, now about complete, includes among others, Mr. Ewing and Mr. Snow of the Corporation and Professors Haven and Jackson of the Faculty. Effectiveness as a member of the activities of the Institute necessitated the adoption of a sane, up-to-date, practical objective point. All this is done, and now under its newer title "Technology Christian Association" is extending an invitation to men of the Institute to a dinner, to be held Wednesday evening. Under the direction of R. H. Ranger 1911, a committee of the Association has arranged with the Dining Room Management for banquet tables and service in the smaller rooms adjoining the Union. Following dinner and during coffee the Rev. Herbert W. Stebbins, Chaplain of Charlestown prison whose interest in sociological questions is widely known, will speak on some of the conditions existing in the prison and in similar institutions of America. Mr. Stebbins, a graduate of Dartmouth College in 1877, a graduate of Andover Theological Seminary, a student under a fellowship of the Seminary, of reformatory institutions, and authority on criminology, is a man of exceedingly forceful character. Though an ordained minister and privileged to occupy a pulpit, he chose rather the study of the underworld. Never yet has a man possessing anything less than great strength of character entered a field of this nature and succeeded in accomplishing his purpose. The marked achievement and recognized knowledge of this speaker make him a man who must be heard. While possessing great human sympathy, he recognizes the worth of direct speech, and talks right from the shoulder.

One of the firmest planks of the Christian Association platform is the truth that no man can prove of full value to the world unless he make himself directly useful in the affairs of men. The ten minutes spent in hearing of prison affairs will give an unsurpassed opportunity for learning about men who are already making themselves useful. After the dinner the committee in charge is planning the installation of a series of discussions founded upon passages taken from the New Testament, and divided into the following parts:

Dec. 1, The Universal Law of Service; Dec. 8, Social Service; Dec. 15, Political Service and Christian Citizenship; and Dec. 22, Service in Relation to Growth and Happiness.

These discussions will be open to whatever men are interested enough in self-development to put in twenty minutes a week discussing it. They will be conducted by leaders who know their business and who will make them interesting and of some use. The discussion tomorrow night will consider the Law of service in Nature and in Society, Interdependence or the Social Fabric,

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EMPLOYMENT BUREAU VERY SUCCESSFUL

Over Half Of Applicants Given Work--Over 75 Vacancies Filled

The employment bureau, under the supervision of the President's assistant, Mr. Scharff, has already placed many men in positions where they can earn money to help out expenses. Fifty-six men have registered so far, and over half of these have received employment. It is expected that there will be a large demand for men during the Christmas vacation probably greater than the supply. About half the men registered at the beginning of the year, and the others have come in since, probably still more men will want help.

A man asking employment is given a blank on which he fills out his name etc., age, height, weight, previous work, hours available, and form or forms of work he would like. When there is a position open the bureau tries to put in the best man. If two men are considered equally good, it is given to the one who needs it most.

The following is about the number of men who have registered:

For Book-keepers	5 men
Clerks	20 men
Bill-Collectors	20 men
Library Work	28 men
Stenographers	1 man
Typewriters	1 man
Draftsmen	12 men
Surveyors	10 men
Canvassers	7 men
Chauffeurs	6 men
Coat-Room Attendants	26 men
Furnace Attendants	10 men
Pail-Bearers	4 men
Stereopticon Operators	6 men
Waiters	14 men
Tutors	15 men

It will at once be seen that many men registered for two or more different kinds of work.

The following table will give an idea of the men who have been placed:

Clerks	4 men
Draftsmen	3 men
Canvassers	3 men
Chauffeur	1 man
Coat-Room Attendants	14 men
Furnace Attendant	1 man
Stereopticon Operator	1 man
Waiters	over 15 men
Telephone Operator	1 man
Odd Jobs	33 men

It is not certain how much money these men have made as there are no definite figures. Later, Mr. Scharff expects to make an accurate report of men who register, those given work, and the money they earn.

MECHANICAL SOCIETY

On Wednesday at 2 P. M. the Mechanical Engineering Society will hold a meeting in Room 24 Eng. B. Directly after the meeting there will be an excursion conducted through the Quincy Market Cold Storage Plant. It is imperative that all men who desire to go should sign the paper nthebu orRb should sign the paper on the bulletin board in Eng. A.

ALUMNI CLUB NOTES.

At a recent election of the M. I. T. Club of Central New York held in Syracuse, N. Y. the following officers were elected, J. P. Barnes 1905, President; I. S. Merrell, Vice-President; H. N. Burhans, Secretary-Treasurer; W. E. Hopton and H. W. Jordan, Executive Committee.

The club is flourishing and reports say that everything is going finely and they are just as busy as can be.

VARSITY BASKET BALL PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

Short Scrimmage Between Veterans and New Men Yesterday

Yesterday afternoon at the gymnasium a large squad of candidates for the varsity basket-ball team were put through a stiff practice. One team was made mostly of veterans while the new men were put up against them. The result was a walkover for the veterans. After a few minutes play Capt. Parker went in as center against Wentworth who was with the regulars. The first line up was as follows:

Chandler, lb rf, Hargraves
Taite, rb lf, Darling
Johnson, c c, Wentworth
Lord, rf lb, Bennis
Ellis, lf rb, Freedman

The following men also reported and were given a trial, R. B. Stone 1912, W. P. Muether 1913, G. A. Cahill 1913, A. P. Horner 1913, L. C. Lart 1913.

CATHOLIC CLUB MEN

Father McCarty to Give Farewell Talk Wednesday

On Wednesday night, Father McCarty who has been spiritual director of the Technology Catholic Club for the past four years will give his farewell talk. Father McCarty has been given charge of a new parish in Dorchester and the increased pressure of work obliges him to resign as director of the club. The new director whose name has not yet been learned will be introduced.

It is expected that the members of the club will present Father McCarty with some slight token of their high esteem for him. So it is most necessary that as large a number of men as possibly can, will come to the meeting. There is also some very imperative business to be transacted.

AERO CLUB MEETING

Engineering Committee Discusses Plans for New Glider

There was a meeting of the Engineering Committee of the Aero Club at the Union Monday night. Struts for the club's new glider will be finished by the carpenter Wednesday. Estimates have been asked for the steaming and bending of the ribs. Assignments have been made for looking up the best and cheapest cloth and for working out the stresses and strains. This work will take about two weeks.

In the meantime they will experiment with the glider of E. M. Fales 1911 to work out details for the new glider. Yesterday E. M. Fales, H. D. Kemp 1912, and Strang 1913 were out with the glider at the Aero Club Experiment Station at the one hill in Waban.

The latest reports say that the glider is still in good condition.

The following men are on the Engineering Committee: E. M. Fales 1911, H. D. Kemp 1912, S. W. Selbridge 1913, G. H. Able 1910, D. E. Greevy 1910.

CALENDAR.

Tuesday, November 30.

4:15 P. M.—Banjo Club Rehearsals. 33 Rogers.

1:00 P. M.—1913 Class Meeting.

Wednesday, December 1.

4:00 P. M.—B. B. P.

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COMMUNICATION

Dinner committees of the various societies and classes would do well to consider that Friday as a banquet night is by no means agreeable to everybody who would like to attend. There are many men in the Institute whose religion forbids the eating of flesh meat on that day. As these men constitute a not inconsiderable number it seems only fair that they should be considered somewhat.

It seems to have become a custom this year much more so than last year of holding dinners on Friday nights. This would be all very well if some provision was made for the men who could not eat meat. However up to date a strictly turkey dinner has been the menu. Consequently many men who otherwise would have attended have been most conspicuous by their absence. Those that have attended have had to content themselves with vegetables and bread. You can't expect a man to wax very enthusiastic on such a diet.

In quite a few cases men have bought their dinner tickets and have only discovered that there was no provision made for them when it was too late. The Field day dinner at the Union was a "stinger" in this respect. There was only one fish order on the whole card and that was obscured under a French name. At a recent class dinner upwards of thirty men were taken in the same manner.

As the majority of these men are just the kind of men who help to make a dinner successful, something should be done to remedy this present situation, so embarrassing to them. Friday night is by no means the easy night of the week and the dinners could just as well be changed to some other night in the week. At any rate, if such proves not to be the case, it is to be hoped that in the future some sort of a provision will be made. Let the dinners be on the night when everybody can eat, drink and be merry.

L. S. W. 1912,

1913.

All men out for the 1913 basket-ball team report at the Gym. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 4.00 p. m.

INTERVIEW WITH WRIGHT

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flight were kept up for two hours. In flying in a proper machine, a man has all his risks within his own control. Flying is as safe as automobiling at slow speed. It is even safer.

"In the country my machine would make practically any journey that could be made by an automobile. And indeed, it will do more than that, and that will be one of its great utilities; it will go without difficulty where the automobile cannot get. We could travel, and at high speeds of course, in districts where there were no roads, or roads so bad that the automobile could not travel at all. There is no reason now why our machine could not be taken out just as now automobiles are taken out, and used for making any trip from place to place, that their owners may wish to make."

THE HORNET'S NEST

Cad and I had just finished the three hours of lab which followed our four-lecture day and it was not studies that formed the subject of our conversation as we met Billiken. He came from the phys lab where he had been attempting to make up a little of the work he had dropped somewhere along his six year's course at the 'Stute.

"Hullo fellows," he yelled, "If I measure a stick nine times and make an error each time, what is the probability of my being cross-eyed?"

"Oh, we all know you are, but don't let that worry you. We're discussing the committee system here, what do you know about it?"

"It never bothers me. I was on the theatre committee of 1908 once and on a dinner committee of '09, but they don't know me well enough in '10 or '11 to elect me. What's the row? Is Cad a member of the Committee on Picking Up Waste Paper in the Dining Room?"

"No, I haven't received such an honor as that. I was commending the efficient service of the Calendar Committee. They do great work in seeing that a meeting of the Checker Club doesn't conflict with a meeting of the Squeak Grammar School Club, but they have the biggest Friday night entertainment of the year the same night as the Joint Concert."

"I think the Entertainment Committee is to blame for that," I volunteered. "They certainly should have known about the concert."

"The whole trouble with the system here is that you don't know who's to blame or what committee should have done which and when. If you want a thing done in this place you see the Institute Committee and they refer you to the Union Committee who refer you to the House Committee who refer you to the Bulletin Board Committee who refer you to the Executive Committee of the Institute Committee who refer you to the Institute Committee again, and there you are. It's a regular cycle."

"What's the efficiency of the cycle?" asked Billiken who had absorbed a few of the terms during his course in steam if he did only manage to pull a double F.

"It's like an engine running no load, the efficiency is negative."

"If you're positive we'll let it go at that," piped up Billiken, our little joke-smith, and as the next few minutes were spent in a lively scuffle following the bum pun, they did let it go at that.

LOST.

A small black Moore's non-leakable fountain pen. Reward. See circulation manager The Tech.

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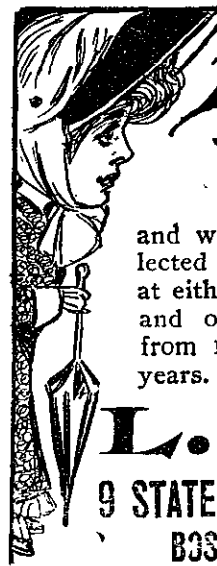
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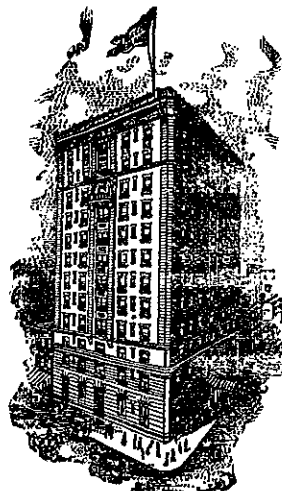
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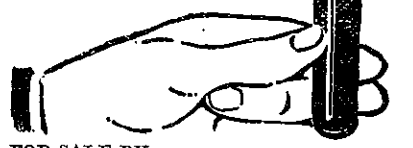
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the effect of one man's actions upon the rest of any community. It will take up the question of spontaneousness of service, of service as an expression of character, of service in response to a need. Is man free from the Law of Service? The groups will discuss also whether service is a privilege, a burden, or an obligation; whether Christianity is a matter of church going and prayer services, or whether it means something more useful to a community; whether what you are doing is turning all the world to your own good, or is turning all of you to the world's good. Finally will come the questions, "How did Christ express his mastery over men?" and, "Is service the expression of Christ's life in men?"

The entire time to be taken up by the dinner, the short address and the discussion afterward, will be not more than an hour and a quarter. The plan of the Association is to offer an opportunity for a good dinner, for obtaining knowledge of conditions among the less fortunate classes of Boston, and for a discussion informally, under efficient direction, of a man's social responsibility. The world needs men. These dinners will show you how to be useful.

In order that the committee in charge of the dinner may know how many plates to provide, the request is made that men who desire to attend will register at The Cage not later than Wednesday noon. By the interested cooperation of the Dining Room Management the expense of the dinner is reduced to a minimum. Dinner tickets will cost 20 cents.

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CHESS CLUB NEWS

Fall Tournament Nearly Complete--Present Standing

Most of the match games in the chess tournament have been played, but there remain still unplayed, some three or four in each class. In class A, S. M. Schmidt 1911 has won 2, lost 1; A. H. E. Kaufman 1911 has won 3, lost 1; S. E. Bates 1911 won 1, lost 1; M. Kalin 1912 won 1, lost 0; M. A. Narvano 1910 won 3, lost 1; G. L. Mylerest 1910 won 2, lost 0; P. Chinchilla 1910 won 1, lost 2; and M. S. Chapin 1910 won 0, lost 3.

In Class B, F. L. Silsbee 1910 has won 4, lost 1; S. C. Neff 1912 won 4, lost 1; V. Rosenstein 1910 won 3, lost 1; H. Merrill 1912 won 1, lost 3; A. L. Myers 1912 won 0, lost 2; R. S. Rankin 1913 won 0, lost 3.

In Class C, E. B. Cotton 1912 won 1, lost 1; H. Mitchell 1912 won 1, lost 0; S. Schneider 1912 won 0, lost 1.

One week from this coming Saturday S. M. Schmidt 1911 the president of the Chess Club will play a simultaneous match against the members of class C at two o'clock. Mr. Schmidt is one of the best players in the Institute and this match will give the members of Class C an opportunity to meet a strong player and one who well understands the principles of the game.

NOTICES.

1913. 1913 Freehand Drawing. For the first exercise this week each student should provide himself with the plate which is numbered No. 18 in the new sets. In the second hand sets it will be numbered something else and probably missing, but can be purchased separately at MacLachlan's.

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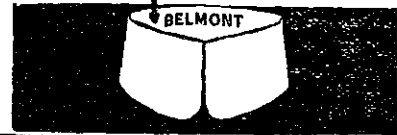
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GENERAL NOTICES.

Hereafter all notices on bulletin boards must conform to regular sizes as prescribed by the Institute Committee. All notices not conforming to this rule will be taken down. See specimen posters on boards for sizes, etc., 53, 57

All men desiring to enter the lyric competition who have not seen Mr. Francis should send their names and addresses to K. Greenleaf, Cage, as soon as possible. Authors who submitted books for Tech Show 1910 may have same, together with their sealed envelopes, by calling at the Cage.
Kenneth Greenleaf, Stage Manager. 52-4

GLEE CLUB.

Important meeting Tuesday at 4.15 in Union. Every man must be there.

All men who will write class histories for Technique 1911 are urgently requested to hand in their names immediately. A new manner of selection is to be instituted and work must begin at once. Ideas, help and information given.
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1910.

The Senior Class Dinner will be held at the Union Friday, Dec. 3, at 6.15 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from the following men:
Courses I and XI. Fitzwater, James, Terry.
II. Hield, Reynolds, Williamson.
III. Goodwin.
IV. Cleverdon.
VI. Clapp.
XII. Chapin.

The committee asks all men to get their tickets at once.

1911.

Nominations for membership on the Junior Prom. committee are now open and should be left at the Cage at once for Board of Directors, Class of 1911. These nominations must be signed by at least ten (10) members of the class and must be at the Cage before 4 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 2.

1911 Dues may be paid to me at the Union between 1 and 2 every day.
E. A. NASH, Treas.

1912.

The hour on Saturday, Dec. 4, will be given to a written exercise made up of sight questions not directly dependent upon any review of the lectures.
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